

Human Trafficking Task Force, Subcommittee on Education and Training

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2013
Boston Police Headquarters

Attending: Members present: Shawn Croke (MA-PLB), Jennifer Franco (MDAA), Lisa Goldblatt-Grace (MLMC), Ellen Lemire (DAO), Maura Landry (MPTI), Mary McCauley (MSP), and Ann Sheetz (MA-DPH).
For the AGO: Ann Meola.

I. Meeting Called to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order by co-chairperson, Lisa Goldblatt-Grace, at 10:20 a.m.

II. Meeting Minutes Approved

Members of the subcommittee voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from their last meeting on 2/7/13. It was noted by the co-chairs that the subcommittee will present at the next scheduled meeting of the full Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force on 3/18/13.

III. Review of Presentation to the Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force

Members reviewed the proposed presentation to the Task Force. Areas reviewed were:

A. Professionals to be included in the trainings

- Should include allied health professionals, licensed businesses including cosmetologists, nail salons, and massage parlors
- Also licensed local board of health agents and other regulatory enforcement personnel

B. Training Objectives

- Not just focus on raising awareness by increased training but to ensure a fundamental shift in attitudes, knowledge and skills
- Note key lessons learned including language that is consistent and reflects the realities of the lives of survivors of human trafficking; exclude any derogatory terms or images that may exclude or narrow the understanding of the truth of trafficking
- Address those factors that drive trafficking including money and greed; address common level factors of survivors such as poverty, racism, sexism and inequity
- Recommend both single and multidisciplinary trainings (e.g. SEEN)

C. Training Medical Professionals

- Note MGH study
- Recommend tiered approach: Level 1- fundamental understanding of the basics of trafficking; Level 2 - basic curricula as well as how to respond to victims, protocols for response, and available resources
- Suggest CME credits for all allied health professionals

D. Training Social Service Providers

- Specific considerations will be reviewed by Gert Condon of DCF

IV. Member Updates

Mary McCauley announced that the AGO and the USAO will be holding regionalized training sessions for law enforcement officers and prosecutors.

V. Scheduling of next meeting and next steps

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be Monday, April 8, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. at the Boston Police Department Headquarters. Co-chairs suggested that members forward the meeting announcement to other interested parties, particularly those disciplines identified in the tenets being addressed by the group as the next meetings will focus on drafting the subcommittee's final recommendations for inclusion in the IHTTF's report to the legislature.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Ann Meola